Money Spent on "Protection and Conservation of Animals"

2. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money spent by Government on the cause of protection and conservation of animals in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that inspite of continuous expenditure and publicity on this aspect, the people's attitude is still that of cruelty, maltreatment, neglect etc. towards animals;

(c) if so, whether Government have enquired into the reasons of such neglect and cruelty; and

(d) what further steps Government propose to take to create right awarness among the people in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(b) Such attitudes are still prevalent in certain areas.

(c) The cases of cruelty reported to Government of India are sent to the Nodal Departments of the State Government for enquiry and necessary action.

(d) Government intends to create awareness by utilising the electronic media and by distribution of films and literature on prevention of cruelty to animals to animal welfare organisations. Some films have already been distributed and some more are under the process of preparation. Training programme for education of representatives of various organisation has already been taken up which will help in carrying the message of prevention of cruelty to animals to the people at grass roots level.

Rajiv Paryavaran Pariyojana

3. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made by the Rajiv Paryavaran Pariyojana in all 50 selected districts where it is in operation;

(b) how much money have been allocated and spent so far;

(c) who is monitoring the activities; and

(d) what is the target of the Pariyojana at the end of its 5 years term?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH):

(a) The concerned State/UT Governments are formulating Integrated Action Plans for the districts selected under Rajiv Paryavaran Pariyojana.

(b) Separate funds have not been allocated so far under the Pariyojana.

(c) Nodal officers nominated by the concerned States/UT Governments would be monitoring the activities at the State level. At the Central level, the Ministry of Environment and Forests would monitor the activities under the Pariyojana.

(d) In Rajiv Paryavaran Pariyojana, the emphasis is on implementation of all the ongoing schemes of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, environment related schemes and programmes of other Central Ministries and State Governments in a coordinated and intensive manner so as to create a visible and measurable impact within a time span of five years.